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SUBJ: REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION IN WEST BERLIN

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1. SUMMARY: SENAT OFFICIALS MET WITH GDR OFFICIALS (REICHSBAHN AND MINTTANSPORT) IN WEST BERLIN ON APRIL 15 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF REICHSBAHN CONSTRUCTION. SENAT OFFICIAL NOTED HE PREPARED DISCUSS PROBLEM RELATED TO CHARLOTTENBURG STATION CONSTRUCTION, WHICH ALLIES HAD ALREADY APPROVED, BUT NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPANDAU PROJECT OR ROUTE CHARLOTTENBURG-STAAKEN UNTIL ALLIES APPROVED THOSE PLANS AS WELL. HE ADDED THAT DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO ALLIES IN USUAL WAY. GDR OFFICIALS EXPRESSED REGRET AT THIS BUT ASKED WHETHER SENAT OFFICIALS WOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER IN DAY. LATTER REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. HOWEVER, AS OF COB APRIL 15, CONFIDENTIAL

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THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER WORD FROM EAST GERMANS.

END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO A TELEPHONIC INVITATION FROM SENAT OFFICIAL LINSENMAIR TO WEST BERLIN REICHSBAHN OFFICIAL JOEDICKE (NOT A TELEX INVITATION TO FUNK AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED), JOEDICKE, ACCOMPANIED BY GDR MINTRANSPORT OFFICIALS FUNK AND KRINK, APPEARED AT LINSENMAIR'S OFFICE IN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AT 11:00 A.M. ON APRIL 15. (LINSENMAIR HAD TRIED EARLIER IN THE DAY TO REACH JOEDICKE BY TELEPHONE TO INFORM HIM OF THE CONDITIONS FOR THE MEETING--PARA 5 OF REFTTEL--BUT WAS UNABLE TO SPEAK TO HIM, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE JOEDICKE WAS CONFERRING WITH FUNK AND KRINK BEFORE PROCEEDING TO THE MEETING.) ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF SENAT CHANCELLERY AND VDER (ADMINISTRATOR OF FORMER REICHSBAHN PROPERTY).

3. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF WHAT TRANSPIRED:

A. LINSENMAIR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR DOCUMENTS TRANSMITTED TO SENAT ON SPANDAU STATION AND STAAKEN ROUTE. HE ADDED THAT SINCE, HOWEVER, REICHSBAHN HAD NOT YET PROVIDED SAME DOCUMENTS TO ALLIES VIA USUAL ROUTE, HE ONLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS POINT 1 OF FUNK'S LETTER OF APRIL 8 (CHARLOTTENBURG STATION). NEVERTHELESS, SENAT THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO MEET.

B. WITH REFERENCE TO CHARLOTTENBURG, BDER REP ASKED FOR INFORMATION, WHICH WAS PROVIDED. HE THEN INDICATED THAT SPACE REQUIRED AT CHARLOTTENBURG COULD PROBABLY BE PROVIDED.

C. FUNK EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SENAT REPS WERE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS OTHER POINTS IN HIS LETTER. TIME WAS PRESSING AND REICHSBAHN HAD ASSUMED THAT WITH TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS TO SENAT, PROBLEM HAD BEEN SOLVED.

D. LINSENMAIR REPLIED THAT IT WAS NOT THAT SENAT HAD RECEIVED PLANS, RATHER THAT ALLIES HAD NOT RECEIVED THEM VIA USUAL WAY. THIS WAS BARRIER THAT PREVENTED PROGRESS. SENAT WOULD DO ALL IT COULD TO MEET DEADLINES BUT FIRST OTHER PROBLEM WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED BY REICHSBAHN.

E. EAST GERMANS AGAIN REFERRED TO CONSTRUCTION
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SCHEDULE AND ASSERTED THAT IN PREVIOUS CASE INVOLVING PLANS FOR WANNSEE AND CHARLOTTENBURG CONSTRUCTION, DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO SENAT REPS. SENAT SIDE REJECTED THAT ASSERTION AS MISINTERPRETATION.

F. IN PARTING, KRINK ASKED WHETHER SENAT OFFICIALS WOULD BE AVAILABLE LATER IN DAY; ANSWER WAS AFFIRMATIVE.

4. MISSION OFFICER CHECKED WITH ACTING CHIEF OF

CHANCELLERY KUNZE AT COB ON APRIL 15, AND WAS TOLD THERE
WAS NO FURTHER WORD FROM GDR OFFICIALS. KUNZE DOUBTED
THAT ALLIED/SENAT OFFICIALS WERNER OR SELIGER WOULD
GET REQUEST FROM KOCHSTRASSE (WEST BERLIN REICHSBAHN
HEADQUARTERS) TO PICK UP DOCUMENTS ANYTIME OVER EASTER
WEEKEND. WE AGREE SINCE IT LIKELY EAST GERMANS WILL WANT
TO MULL MATTER OVER FOR FEW DAYS. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THAT ALLIES SHOULD HOLD OUT FOR LAST SETS OF CONSTRUCTION
PLANS TO BE SUBMITTED VIA COMPROMISE ROUTE OF
WERNER/SELIGER.
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